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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12-13-06 has been entered.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gottling et al. (US2001/0025576A1).

Gottling et al. teach a universal mandrel system (paragraph [0006], line 12) comprising: a core mandrel 4 having an outside diameter; a plurality of adapter sleeves 2 (paragraph [0006], line 13) each having an inside diameter sized to engage the core mandrel 4 outside diameter, the plurality of adapter sleeves 2 comprising varying exterior dimensions (paragraph [0006], line 13), wherein only one of the adapter sleeves 2 engages the core mandrel 4 at a time, the one

adapter sleeve 2 being selected to accommodate varying size part diameters; and an interlocking mechanism 7 secured between the core mandrel 4 and the selected one of the adapter sleeves 2, the interlocking mechanism 7 preventing the selected adapter sleeve 2 from rotating relative to the core mandrel 4. Alternatively, in figure 3, Gottling et al. teach an interlocking mechanism 24,25 which could be considered a "lug" and slot attachment. The adapter sleeve 2 is "configured to serve" as an interface connection or intermediate expansion rate medium to buffer.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
  - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 5. Claims 9-14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gottling et al.

Gottling et al. does not specifically teach using tool steel for the adapter sleeve. However, official notice is taken that it was well known to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have used tool steel adapter sleeves, in order to provide a high strength roller material.

Gottling et al. do not specifically disclose that the thermal expansion rate of the sleeves is lower than that of the core mandrel. However, official notice is taken that it was well known to a

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person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have used different materials for the sleeves and core mandrel depending upon the desired weight characteristics or physical requirements needed to use the roller for (for example heat or strength requirements). For example, Applicant's Admitted Prior art on page 2 paragraph [0004] of applicant's specification teaches the use of a core made of eutectic salt and a sleeve of tool steel depending upon the specific use of the roller (paragraph [0002] of applicant's specification). Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have selected the claimed material, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. *In re Leshin*, 125 USPQ 416. See also *Ballas Liquidating Co. v Allied industries of Kansas, Inc.* (DC Kans) 205 USPQ 331

Gottling et al. teach a flange 30 and fastener 31.

## Response to Arguments

- 6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9-14 and 16 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
- 7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc Jimenez whose telephone number is (571) 272-4530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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